

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 5TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor in the State House, at Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 5th, 1938 at 2:30 o'clock, P.M.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Blakeman attended the meeting.

The members of the State Tax Commission appeared before the Board and requested that approximately \$5,000 be made available to the State Tax Commission to take care of the expenses which it will be necessary for the Commission to incur in checking 1936 Federal Income Tax Returns to locate additional property subject to taxation in Maryland, particularly securities. Mr. Levin, Chairman of the Commission, read a statement to the Board outlining the proposed work and amplified his statement with a verbal explanation of the situation.

The Board stated that there were no funds available which could be allocated to the State Tax Commission to take care of the cost of the work.

Senator Levin stated that he thought it would be possible for the Comptroller to make available to the Commission out of receipts from Relief Taxes, the sum necessary to take care of the investigating work, believing that the information gained would be useful to the Comptroller in the administration of the State Income Tax Law.

The Comptroller stated that he felt he did not have authority to make available out of relief funds any money for the work proposed by the State Tax Commission.

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Mr. A. Charles Stewart, President of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, and Dr. Thomas Koon, Mayor of Cumberland, appeared before the Board and stated that the need for additional relief funds for Allegany County was imperative, and asked the Board whether it would be possible to advance to the County any funds out of the State Aid to the Needy Fund to relieve the situation.

The Board carefully considered the situation and advised Mr. Stewart and Doctor Koon that it would not be possible at this time to make any further advances to the Counties out of the State Aid to the Needy Fund, because a large part of the receipts to be credited to that Fund is expected from the State Income Tax, and that we will not receive revenue from that source until after March 1st, 1938, the bulk of the receipts coming in about the middle of the month, the law requiring the returns to be filed by March 15th.

Governor Nice called attention to an Act of the General Assembly of 1933, in which the counties and municipalities of the State are authorized to borrow funds for relief purposes.

After considering this law it was decided that Allegany County and the City of Cumberland would be able to borrow the necessary funds to take care of their relief situation at least until after such time as it will be possible for the State to make a further distribution of money to Allegany County for general public assistance.

The Board considered an amendment to the Budget of the University of Md., being a revision of the entire Budget of the Institution for the fiscal year 1938, as set forth in Budget Book published by the University, and after due consideration it was agreed that the revised set-up of accounts should be approved.

PROPOSED STATE OFFICE BUILDING IN ANNAPOLIS-

A number of persons were present in the Reception Room as a result of the announcement that the Board would be available to consider objections to the selection heretofore made by the Board of a site on State Circle, between Maryland Avenue and East Street for the proposed State Office Building.

Mr. Noah A. Hillman, Attorney, addressed the Board on behalf of the City of Annapolis, objecting to the site selected, and recommending the site on College Avenue between the Post Office and Bladen Street, identified as site no. 3 in the Architect's report. Mr. Hillman dwelt on the injuries which would be inflicted on the business people of Annapolis who are occupying the site at the present time, as well as the amount of money it would cost the State to acquire the site, and compared these thoughts with the lower cost and lesser injury to the owners of property on site no. 3.

Mr. George B. Woelful, Attorney, also addressed the Board along the same lines as those followed by Mr. Hillman, and opposed the selection of site no. 1, and recommended the selection of site no. 3.

Mrs. Frank H. Stockett stated she was in favor of the site selected by the Board.

Mr. Kenneth G. Davis stated he was opposed to the selection of site no. 2, as it would interfere with business located on that site in which he is interested.

Doctor Gordon Claude opposed the selection of site no. 1.

Miss Isabel Claude opposed the selection of site no. 1.

Mr. George England who owns land fronting on Prince George Street, but part of the rear of which land is included in site no. 1, stated he would not object to the State acquiring the part of his land included in the site selected.

Miss Marie D. Briggs, proprietor of Cruise Inn, stated that it would be necessary for her to acquire a new location for her tea room in the event the State selected site no. 1.

Mayor Louis N. Phipps stated he did not feel called upon to add to the remarks of Messrs Hillman and Woelful because he felt they had covered the situation fully as far as the City of Annapolis was concerned.

Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for the proposed building read the report which he had submitted to the Board of Public Works bearing on the three sites under discussion. Mr. Hopkins stated that he and Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, his Associate, had recommended site no. 1 for the reasons set forth in their report to the Board.

The Board thanked those appearing for their interest in the matter. No action was taken by the Board on the question of sites for the proposed building.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, relative to certain work of repairs and painting to be done in the State House.

The Board approved the recommendation made by Mr. Hammond that Morrow Brothers be given the contract for the work of painting the Governor's Office, the Clerk's Office and Hall, and the Main Hall and Foyer of the old building, at their quotation of \$2,714.00.

The Board approved Budget Amendment of Superintendent of State Police, dated December 11th, 1937 and amendment of Maryland State Penal Farm dated December 31st, 1937.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, that he be permitted to purchase approximately 68 acres of land from G. W. Stottlemeyer, bordering the Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County, at a price of \$5.00 per acre.

The Board approved Mr. Besley's request.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, that he be permitted to purchase such 10 acre lots of forest land, within the exterior boundaries of the Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County, as can be acquired on a valuation basis of not to exceed \$1.50 per acre, bare land value, 50¢ per acre for young growth, not merchantable, plus value of standing merchantable timber, if any, at from \$2. to \$5. per 1,000 feet board measure, as outlined in Mr. Besley's letter of December 21st, 1937.

The Board approved the request.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, dated December 21st, requesting approval for the purchase of approximately 261 acres of land at \$2.50 per acre, from Charles T. Hoyer, of Oakland, Maryland, to be added to the Swallow Falls State Forest.

The Board approved Mr. Besley's request.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the State Law Department, with three bills covering costs incurred in the case of Bickel et al. vs. Board of Public Works, this being the case involving the legality of voting machines in Baltimore City.

The Board was of the opinion that these expenses should be taken care of by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and directed the Secretary to return the bills to the State Law Department, and communicate the feeling of the Board to that Department.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a bill from Tolchester Lines Inc., in the amount of \$1,166.66, for Ferry subsidy for the month of December, 1937. The bill states the service was put into effect December 4th, 1937.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Public Service Commission, and ascertain whether the Tolchester Lines Inc. was operating on a schedule during the period December 4th to December 31st, 1937, and also whether the Commission has approved a definite schedule for the Ferry Company, and if that schedule is being maintained.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Court of Appeals in which the Board was requested to provide the sum of \$78.00 to cover the purchase of a vacuum cleaner for the Court and the Library.

The Board approved the request, the amount to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Board.

State Property

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated December 17th, 1937, from the Public Service Commission, in which the Commission advised that it has laboratory electrical equipment which is no longer suitable for its use, and for which the manufacturers will make no allowance in the purchase of new instruments. The Public Service Commission suggested that this equipment may be of some use to the University of Maryland for instruction purposes of the School of Engineering, and that, if agreeable to the Board, the Commission will be glad to take up the matter of transfer with the authorities of the University.

The Board approved the suggestion and authorized the transfer of the equipment from the Public Service Commission to the University of Maryland, if the latter Agency is interested in receiving it.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. F. W. Rohrs, Rosedale, Maryland, dated December 24th, 1937, relative to a complaint against the State Roads Commission.

No action was taken in the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'McCusker
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 7TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, 10 E. Mulberry Street, Baltimore, in connection with the opening of bids for the construction of a tuberculosis building and a dormitory building at Springfield State Hospital Sykesville, Maryland, the Board of Managers of the Institution having met at Mr. Hopkins' office for the purpose of opening the bids there.

A tabulation of the bids received for the work showed the lowest bidder to be the Cogswell Construction Company of Baltimore, the amount of the company's bid being \$245,624.00. A resolution passed by the Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital awarded to the Cogswell construction Company contract for the erection of the buildings, for the sum of \$245,624.00, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

The resolution of Springfield State Hospital was duly approved by the Board of Public Works and authority was given to enter into a contract with the Cogswell Construction Company for the proposed work at a price of \$245,624.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'McCusker
Secretary.